

6. THE CLAIMS

It is claimed:

1. A method of transmitting expense report data and expense item data from a computer to a server comprising:

- 5      a) displaying a screen on the computer that includes a field for receiving expense report data;
- b) entering expense report data into the computer;
- c) displaying a screen on the computer that includes a field for receiving expense item data;
- 10      d) entering expense item data into the computer;
- e) transmitting the expense report data from the computer to the server via a wireless network; and
- f) transmitting the expense item data from the computer to the server via the wireless network.

15      2. The method of claim 1, wherein the act of displaying a screen on the computer that includes a field for receiving expense report data includes generating a temporary expense report ID and the act of displaying a screen that includes a field for receiving expense report data includes generating an expense item ID.

20      3. The method of claim 1, wherein the act of entering expense report data into the computer includes entering a date.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the act of entering expense report data into the computer includes entering a plurality of dates.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the act of entering expense report data into the computer includes entering a plurality of dates and a title of an expense event.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the act of entering expense item data into the computer includes entering the type of the expense item.

10 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the act of entering expense item data into the computer includes selecting an expense item type from a plurality of expense item types.

15 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the act of entering expense item data into the computer includes entering a monetary amount.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the act of transmitting the expense report data from the computer to the server includes transmitting the expense report via a Palm network.

20 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the act of transmitting the expense report data from the computer to the server includes transmitting the expense report via a cellular phone network.

11. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

- g) entering a user ID into the computer; and
- h) entering a password into the computer.

12. The method of claim 2 further comprising:

- g) storing the temporary expense report ID and the expense report data in a first file on the computer; and
- h) storing the temporary expense report ID, the expense item ID and the expense item data in a second file on the computer.

13. The method of claim 2 further comprising:

- g) receiving a final expense report ID from the server; and
- h) replacing the temporary expense report ID in the computer with the final expense report ID.

14. The method of claim 13 further comprising:

- i) storing the final expense report ID in a first file on the computer; and
- j) storing the final expense report ID and the expense item ID in a second file on the computer.

15. A method of transmitting expense report data and expense item data from a computer to a server comprising:

- a) entering a user ID into the computer;
- b) entering a password into the computer;

c) displaying a screen on the computer that includes a field for receiving expense report data;

d) entering expense report data into the computer;

5 e) displaying a first screen on the computer that includes a field for receiving first expense item data;

f) entering first expense item data into the computer;

g) displaying a second screen on the computer that includes a field for receiving second expense item data;

h) entering second expense item data into the computer;

10 i) transmitting the expense report data from the computer to the server via a wireless network;

j) transmitting the first expense item data from the computer to the server via the wireless network; and

15 k) transmitting the first expense item data from the computer to the server via the wireless network.

16. A program storage device containing instructions that when executed by a computer perform the following acts:

20 a) displaying a first screen on the computer, the first screen containing a field for receiving a user ID and a field for receiving a password;

b) displaying a second screen on the computer, the second screen containing a field for receiving expense report data;

- c) displaying a third screen on the computer, the third screen containing a field for receiving expense item data; and
- d) displaying a fourth screen on the computer, the fourth screen indicating the status of a wireless data transfer from the computer to a server.

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17. The program storage device of claim 16 further containing instructions that when executed by the computer perform the following acts:

- e) displaying a fifth screen on the computer, the fifth screen containing a temporary expense report ID.

18. The program storage device of claim 16 further containing instructions that when executed by the computer perform the following acts:

- e) displaying a fifth screen on the computer, the fifth screen containing a final expense report ID.

19. The program storage device of claim 16 further containing instructions that when executed by the computer perform the following acts:

- e) displaying a fifth screen on the computer, the fifth screen containing a temporary expense report ID and a final expense report ID.

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20. The program storage device of claim 16 further containing instructions that when executed by the computer perform the following acts:

- e) displaying a fifth screen on the computer, the fifth screen containing a final expense item ID that was transmitted from a server to the computer.

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